

BLUEBIRDS WANT WHITE LOOP TITLE

CLASSIC CONTEST ON HOME LOT WON BY CLOSE SCORE

Louie Neva Holds Oilers to One Run in Unforgettable Pitchers' Battle; Leonard's Mighty Swat Chases Two Bluebirds Home With Victory

Spud Murphy's Bluebirds are being measured for their crowns. After getting away to a false start in the opening game at Huntington Beach, where the champs of the last half humbled the champs of the first half in no uncertain fashion, on the night of the opener for the play-off series, the birds hit their stride, spread their wings, ruffled their feathers and proceeded to show the Oilers who was boss of the loop.

With the count three and two in their favor they trotted on to the home lot last Friday night determined to do or die to close up the series.

For three hectic innings the tally boy at the scoreboard hung up the goose eggs.

Louie Neva and Chico Sabella were locked in another of their famous duels.

Nothing but the breaks would pull this game out of the fire for either side.

Both pitchers were steady, heady and invincible.

Both teams were on their toes ready for any emergency.

The crowd that jammed the stands and filled the exits was wild with enthusiasm.

Huntington Beach had brought along a whole section of fans who begged their Chico to hold that line and pleased with their boys for hits that meant runs.

The Torrance fans pulled hard for Louie and the Bluebirds.

For three innings heart failure and catfits hung over the stands as attack after attack died in the making. Runners reached first, reached second, reached third, and stayed there as the pitchers whiffed over the third out.

The first half of the fourth came and went and neither side had scored.

And then, the thing that Torrance had been waiting for, hoping for, pleading for. A hit that fell safe. Walt Wolf was the lucky boy.

And then Louie Neva, Louie the Great, another hit and there were two men on base.

And up comes Dannie Leonard, third baseman for the Birds, cold, collected, canny Dan Leonard, the victor of a hundred thrilling contests, the steady, reliable old master of the game, wiping off his hands, gripping his bat and waiting, waiting, in there for the pitch that was right. It comes, he swings, and crash goes the ball far out to center field, the longest hit of the evening and Walt and Louie race home. Danny tries to stretch his hit into a homer, but that peg from the outer gardens is a beautiful one straight to the plate and he's out, Danny's out by a yard.

The Oilers are gum but still determined.

Hope brightens for them in the fifth when Conrad scores, but one run is all they can get.

And that's all there was, there wasn't any more scores but there was plenty of excitement and the fans held their breath as the last inning rolled around and the chances for the title were brightening, and fading, for the two

"Smiling Steve" Main Events At Compton Tues.

Slavonian Grappler Meets Buddy O'Brien in Rough and Tumble Match

"Smiling Steve" Strelch, the Slavonian whirlwind and present main idol of Compton, who is fresh from a sensational win over the Navy Hercules, Harry Ekizian, steps back in to the limelight at the newly reopened Compton Arena on Tuesday night when he wrestles New York's rough and tumble grappler, Buddy O'Brien, in the best two out of three falls; two-hour time limit main event.

Strelch defeated Ekizian in a terrific battle Tuesday night and previously won over the equally rough Jack Morgan before promoter Harry Lea's Compton mat followers.

Tuesday night O'Brien also scored his second triumph at Compton when he battered Marshall Agrava, giant Filipino, into submission in little more than 10 minutes.

The Strelch-O'Brien clash is rated one of the best natural signs by a Southland promoter in several months and should bring out a capacity crowd.

Matchmaker Tab White has arranged a high class supporting card of three bouts, with the three-fall, one-hour semi bringing together Agrava and George (Rough-house) Maloney, the Boston lad who almost caused a riot Tuesday night when he offered to combat five spectators.

Ekizian, if sufficiently recovered from the battering he took from Strelch, will go postward against Louis Andros, youthful Greek, while Raoul Lopez, claimant to the Mexican middleweight title, draws Pat McGill in the opener.

Other Tuesday's results: Maloney disqualified for unnecessary roughness and LaCora declared winner. Grubbs beat Swanson.

Manager Murphy went out this year for the title and got it.

Box score:

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Oshorne, rf. 4 0 2 0
Schuhardt, cf. 4 0 1 1
Maness, lf. 4 0 0 2
Smith, lb. 4 0 0 4
Murray, 3b. 4 0 2 1
Rodgers, ss. 3 0 0 1
Lower, c. 4 0 0 11
Watson, 2b. 4 1 2 3
Sabella, p. 2 0 0 1

Torrance

Moon, lf. 4 0 2 0
Vonderhae, ss. 2 0 0 1
Wolf, lb. 4 1 1 7
L. Neva, p. 4 1 2 1
Leonard, 3b. 4 0 1 3
P. Neva, cf. 4 0 1 1
Alessio, rf. 4 0 0 1
Watson, 2b. 3 0 0 4
Fabregat, c. 3 0 0 8

Score by innings:

Huntington Beach 000 010 000-1
Torrance 000 200 000-2

Summary: Credit victory to L. Neva. Charge defeat to Sabella.

Two-base hits—Leonard. Sacrifice hits—Vonderhae, Rodgers. Bases on balls—Off L. Neva, 1; off Sabella, 1. Struck out—By L. Neva, 6; by Sabella, 5. Left on bases—Huntington Beach, 6; Torrance, 5. Double plays—Vonderhae to Watson to Wolf. Umpires—Aflick, Wentz, Allender. Time of game one hour 45 minutes.

LOMITA MERCHANTS PLAY L. A. GIANTS

The Lomita Merchants will play the Los Angeles Colored Giants at the Lomita grounds on Lomita boulevard next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

Game At Anaheim Monday Bluebirds Play Away From Home

Owing to uncertain weather conditions in this section, and to the further fact that Manager Spud Murphy received a pleasing invitation from the Anaheim contingent to stage at least one game of the world series in that city, the Monday night game between the Bluebirds and Rialto will be played at Anaheim.

Since the big majority of the followers of the National League ball games are drawn from Anaheim, Santa Ana, Fullerton, Westminster, Huntington Beach, Olive and other communities in that section not represented by teams in the league but who are ardent followers, it has been agreed that these loyal fans should have one game in their home territory, and next Monday night has been picked as the night.

The following game on Wednesday night will be played at Riverside and on Friday night the Bluebirds will play at home. Should the series go the same way that the championship battle went, this game, a week from Friday night, may prove to be the deciding game for the title.

Hal Smith, Nady, and Ralston

Tartar Varsity Squad Prospects Best In Years; 45 Men Turn Out

Forty-five candidates out for football practice on the opening day of school, gave Coach Bernard J. Donahue of the Tartar team, hopes of building a football machine that would go through the 1933 season with considerable success.

Only six lettermen are to be found in the group, but these six will be a big help in building up a real squad. Milton Everett, with three years on the varsity behind him, is practically assured of his old berth at center. Carl Faxman at end, Hatada at right guard, "Spec" McLean at quarter, Adzavich, halfback, and Tom Smith tackle, are the group of lettermen who will lead in the scrimmage for places with considerable assurance of holding them.

Of the new men out this year Gar Johnson is showing up well at left end. Roger McGinnis at right tackle is experienced although he did not get into much of the varsity play last year. McGinnis has the weight and aggressiveness to make a powerful lot of trouble for the other side. Hoffman and Shimatsu are leading the subs, with McMaster, Clark and Jensen showing up well. There is a lot of competition for this position in the line.

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are battling for positions at left guard.

Jim Grubb looms up as possible center material for next year, but barring accidents, will hardly be able to shove Milt Everett out of that berth this time. He is young, and inexperienced but is learning fast and shows plenty of fight.

Watson, a new man at Torrance, who may be seen at left-half, has had one year of experience at Fowler high. He is opposed for the berth by Javens, a good man, and the decision between them will be close. Ishikawa and Kiyomura are two shifty, aggressive candidates for halfback, with Powell, Acee and Luck crowding them for the choice. Wertz and Bradford are looking good in the struggle for fullback position but with Adzavich, a last year's veteran, available their lot is a tough one.

Torrance is bound to show this year the results of sound, consistent coaching, and a winning team is confidently expected. The Tartars opened up their practice season Tuesday with a game against Washington high which gave Coach Donahue a chance to look over his prospective first string and come to some conclusion as to the make-up.

The squad made a fine showing. Speedy Ishikawa ripped off a number of yards to advantage. Gar Johnson, with some brilliant broken field running, scored the first touchdown of the game. For the benefit of those who are in doubt, this was not a real game, but a practice scrimmage.

Next Friday Cathedral high comes here for a practice match.

CADDIES' NIBBLICKS HALT ANGRY BRUINS

ODGEN, Utah (UP)—Armen with pitchforks, nibblicks and brooms, an army of caddies, commanded by Mark Parker, caretaker, conducted the first bear hunt in many years to the municipal golf course and captured two large bears.

The animals were let from their cages in El Monte Park where they were being held pending shipment to a Salt Lake City zoo. Enraged, the animals charged the small army of caddies and for a time it was uncertain as to which side would win.

Utes to Have Lighter Team, Hard Schedule

Night Game With U. C. L. A. Scheduled For October 6 At Los Angeles

By IRVIN L. DAVIES (United Press Staff Correspondent)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Flanked by a somewhat lighter team than his 1932 Rocky Mountain Conference football champions, Coach Ike Armstrong prepared to send the Red Skins of the University of Utah into a crowded 1933 schedule.

Training activities revealed the Ute machine will feel the loss of their last year captain-fullback, Frank Christensen, who with four other last year stars has become a member of the Los Angeles Rams. The Utes travel to Los Angeles to face U. C. L. A. on October 6, in one of two non-conference battles with Pacific coast eleven.

They are scheduled to battle Oregon at Eugene November 4.

Coach Armstrong, who was given a new five-year contract effective July 1, 1933, said he expected at least 12 lettermen back. They include, in addition to Duggies and Reeve, Peter Calster, end; Harry Ostler, tackle; Winnie Groff, guard of two years ago; Dan Savich, guard; Butch Gordon, Roland Slesler, Gene Westphall, Bill Richards, Rinaldo and Arnett.

"We have a fine list of heavy freshmen and juniors to fill in the vacancies," said Armstrong.

The complete tentative Utah University schedule follows:

September 23, with Montana at Salt Lake City.

October 6, with U. C. L. A. at Los Angeles (night game).

October 14, with B. Y. U. at Salt Lake City.

October 28, with Utah Aggies at Salt Lake City.

November 4, with Oregon at Eugene.

November 11, with Colorado University at Salt Lake City.

November 18, with Denver at Denver.

November 30, with Colorado Aggies at Salt Lake City.

RIALTO GOES 12 INNINGS TO TAKE OPENER TUESDAY

Lead off by a concert by the Long Beach American Legion band, speeches by visiting celebrities and an address by Mayor W. T. Klusman, the long-awaited world series between the Bluebirds and the Rialto team, champions of the American League, got off to a spectacular start Tuesday night.

While the home boys lost, it was not until after 12 innings of championship ball had been played, and only the breaks of the game decided the winner.

Mayor Klusman introduced the visiting officials, Gavy Cravath, former big league star and now president of the Night Ball Association of Southern California, who made a brief speech; Ray Hunt, president of the American League; and George Peterkin, president of the National League. Peterkin congratulated the Torrance team on winning the national pennant, and made the boys and the Torrance fans feel proud when he said that without a doubt the Bluebirds were the best team ever to represent the National League in a world series to date.

Hunt pitched the first ball, Cravath caught it, Peterkin attempted to bat and the real game was on.

Louie Neva was on the mound for Torrance, and Bots for Rialto. In the first inning Rialto had a man on first and one on third. Fabregat pegged to second to head off a steal and Watson cannoned the pill back in time to nip the runner from third who was trying to pilfer home. Aside from this, the game went through 11 innings of fast, errorless ball without any other spectacular events.

Rialto's scores came in the 12th inning when a misunderstanding as to who was to take a fly to short left center came up and Vonderhae who had to run back to get under it muffed the catch. A couple of hits shoved over two runs after two were out.

Torrance staged a rally in their half, with one run resulting but the rally fell short, and Rialto took first honors.

The team goes to Riverside tomorrow night for the second game of the series and on Monday night will play at Anaheim.

Box score:

RIALTO

Crosby, cf. 5 0 1 4
Rady, ss. 5 0 0 0
Kelly, 2b. 5 0 1 4
Baker, rf. 5 0 1 4
Hughes, lf. 5 1 1 4
Norton, c. 5 1 0 10
Shaddox, 3b. 5 0 2 3
Watson, 1b. 5 0 2 6
Botts, p. 4 0 0 2

Torrance

Moon, lf. 5 0 1 1
Vonderhae, ss. 5 0 1 1
Wolf, lb. 5 0 0 10
L. Neva, p. 5 0 0 4
Forney, rf. 5 1 0 2
Leonard, 3b. 5 0 1 2
P. Neva, cf. 5 0 2 3
Watson, 2b. 5 0 0 2
Fabregat, c. 4 0 1 6

Score by innings:

Rialto 000 000 000 000-2
Torrance 000 000 000 000-1

Summary: Two-base hits—McLean. Bases on balls—Off Botts, 1; off Neva, 4. Struck out—By Botts, 5; by Neva, 13. Double plays—Leonard to Watson to Wolf. Umpires—Smith, Nunn, Wagner.

Kiwanians Lose Another Night Baseball Game

Hermosa Beach Brings Flock of Trained Athletes to Knock Off Locals

Torrance and Hermosa Beach Kiwanians tangled Monday night at the city ball park, in one of their famous inter-city indoor ball games, which ended with the Torrance club on the short end—as usual.

Up to the time the bookkeeper broke his pencil the score was 5 to 5. Eye-witnesses declared that the Beachcombers seemed to have the best of it, at the close of the ninth.

Victory was credited to the Hermosans hitting ability, and defeat was charged to the marbles in the outfield who let 15 safe blows fall at their feet without stretching out a mitt.

Freddie Montgomery started to pitch for Torrance. He lasted a while. Bill Shawger came to his rescue. In the ninth inning, Bobbie Lowellen allowed one hit and struck out three Hermosans who were too exhausted to swing.

Hank Uhlright and Al Turner took care of first base. Bert Acee second, Freddie Montgomery third, Bob Lowellen short, Jim Leech, Doug Collins and Floyd Jones played the outfield, and Alden Smith utility, full rounded player to whom was charged the Torrance game, and Dale Riley, with the assistance of a Hermosa man, umpired.

The Hermosa contingent brought their wives along to occupy the rooting section. The Torrance boys left most of theirs at home so they couldn't make wisecracks after the game was over.

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RIALTO

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Kelly, 2b. 5 0 1 4
Baker, rf. 5 0 1 4
Hughes, lf. 5 1 1 4
Norton, c. 5 1 0 10
Shaddox, 3b. 5 0 2 3
Watson, 1b. 5 0 2 6
Botts, p. 4 0 0 2

Torrance

Moon, lf. 5 0 1 1
Vonderhae, ss. 5 0 1 1
Wolf, lb. 5 0 0 10
L. Neva, p. 5 0 0 4
Forney, rf. 5 1 0 2
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Ray Townsend to Quit As Manager

Manager Ray Townsend, who handles the Torrance Merchants, and who has brought them through a very successful season, says this week that he is giving up the reins at the conclusion of the play-off series with the Coleman Brokers, and would like to get in touch with some Torrance man who wants to take a perfectly good ball club off his hands.

Townsend's business demands too much of his time to allow him to carry on the baseball team without considerable financial sacrifice. For this reason he is retiring from the game as manager, although he will continue to be interested in the sport as a sideline.

Anyone in Torrance who wants to take over the club will do well to get in touch with Townsend at the Star barber shop in Lomita at once. He can get hold of a good team, uniforms and equipment for the asking.

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MERCHANTS LOSE FIRST TILT IN THREE-GAME TITLE SERIES

Coleman Brokers Trim Locals, 13-7, Sunday Afternoon On Los Angeles Field; Second Title Game Played Here Next Sunday

Coleman Brokers Trim Locals, 13-4, Sunday Afternoon On the Torrance Merchants, their rivals for the championship of the Harbor League, Sunday afternoon, 13-4, in the first game of the play-off series of three games for the title.

The game was played at the Brokers' field, 62nd and Western avenue.

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Should they win, the third and deciding game of the series will probably be played on a neutral diamond, not yet chosen.

The Merchants started well, but were unable to do anything after the first inning until the first half of the eighth when they scored three runs.

The game was marked by heavy hitting, with the Brokers getting the long end of it. Three home runs were recorded during the game. S. Venable for the Merchants counting one and Spencer and Weber of the Brokers the other two.

Due to the type of schedule adopted by the league, with five traveling teams and five teams playing at home, this is the first time the Merchants have tangled with the Brokers in a league game.

SANDLOT PLAYER TO GET MAJOR TRYOUT

TULARE, Calif. (UP)—The dream of every sandlot ball player has materialized for Bus Payton, catcher for the Visalia Night Hawks, team for the Visalia Night Hawks, fast semi-pro crew.

Bus has a contract with the Detroit Tigers, after he made good in a tryout at San Mateo. He will join the club in spring training next year at Shreveport, La.

Score by innings:

Torrance 100 000 030-4
Coleman Brokers 022 050 42x-13

Summary: Struck out—By Vandober, 5; by Davenport, 3; by Koffman, 2. Bases on balls—Off Vandober, 1; off Davenport, 1; off Koffman, none. Home runs—Weber, Spencer, S. Venable. Charge defeat to Davenport; victory to Vandober.

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